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SUBJ: MARCONA EXPROPRIATION - NEXT STEP

REF: LIMA 6864, STATE 199886

1. COMPTON TELEPHONE A/DCM FROM SAN FRANCISCO LATE AFTERNOON AUGUST 22. HE SAID THAT DELIBERATIONS THERE BASED ON HIS ACTIVITIES IN LIMA DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS HAD RESULTED IN COMPANY DECISION FOR FURTH TO GO TO WASHINGTON ON MONDAY, AUGUST 25, TO CONFER WITH DEPARTMENT LEGAL ADVISOR FISHLOW. COMPTON SAID SOMEWHAT OBSCURELY THAT, WHILE MARCONA THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ADVANCE A PROPOSAL OF THEIR OWN, IN VIEW OF APPARENT RELUCTANCE ON PART GOP TO DO SO, THEY WISHED TO DO SO THROUGH A "THIRD PARTY" WHICH MIGHT HAVE GREATER INFLUENCE ON GOP. A/DCM SAID THAT AFTER THINKING ABOUT SITUATION OVERNIGHT. WE HAD COME TO CONCLUSION THAT NEXT STEP SHOULD BE FOR MARCONA TO MAKE PROPOSAL. COMPTON SAID THIS COINCIDED WITH HIS PERSONAL THINKING AND THAT HE WOULD INFORM FURTH ACCORDINGLY.

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2. COMMENT: WE THINK, FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH AND WITHOUT

WISHING TO EXCEED OUR PROPER ROLE, THAT MARCONA SHOULD MAKE PROPOSAL. WE DO NOT THINK THIS WOULD RISK ANYTHING AND THAT IT MIGHT SERVE USEFUL PURPOSE IN MAINTAINING CONTACT AND IN CARRYING DIALOGUE ONE STEP FURTHER. APPROACH BY THIRD PARTY WOULD TAKE TIME AND WOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE PRE-EMPTED BY APPROACH WE SUGGEST. WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM SEVERAL QUARTERS THAT MANY AMONG GOP OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT IMPLICATIONS OF EXPROPRIATION AND ARE UNCOMFORTABLE ABOUT THE WAY IN WHICH IT WAS DONE, IN PARTICULAR BY ARTICLE 8. ANGEL DE LAS CASAS, HEAD OF GOP SOCIAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION, HAS BEEN AMONG THOSE TO EXPRESS SUCH SENTIMENT TO AMBASSADOR, AND WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY FNCB MANAGER, PHILIP MARKERT, THAT GENERAL (R) MIRO QUESADA, HEAD OF MINKROPERU, COMMENTED IN SAME VEIN TO HIM. THUS, WHILE WE DO NOT SUGGEST THAT AN EARLY INITIATIVE BY MARCONA IS GOING TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM, IT CONTINUES TO APPEAR THAT THERE IS A BODY OF OPINION WITHIN GOP WHICH IS TRYING TO GROPE FOR A WAY OUT OF THE MESS THEY HAVE MADE, AND A MARCONA PROPOSAL WOULD GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT AND MIGHT EVEN RESULT IN SOME FORWARD MOVEMENT. DEAN

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